GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Rail Lines on Indo-China Border
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have carried out the survey of proposed rail lines on Indo-China border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of those projects and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time by which these are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The proposal for construction of Railway lines along China border has been initiated by Ministry of Defence as a strategic line. Ministry of Defence has identified four strategic lines along India-China border viz. (i) Missamari - Tenga - Tawang (378 Km) (ii) Bilaspur - Manali - Leh (498 Km) (iii) Pasighat − Tezu - Rupai (227 Km) and (iv) North Lakhimpur - Bame (Along)-Silapathar (249 Km). Ministry of Railways has requested Ministry of Defence to convey approval to carry out Final Location Survey at a cost of ` 345 Crores and provide the necessary funds. None of these projects has been sanctioned. The time of completion and cost cannot be ascertained till completion of the Final Location Survey and detailed geo-technical studies, as all these projects pass through very difficult terrains of young Himalayas.
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